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NEGLECTED BANDAGES

It appears that the enthusiasm recently manifested toward the Red Cross surgical dressing work did not last, and that the job is again back in the laps of the "faithful few" who have carried on consistently but who are too few to meet quotas which pile up from month to month.

For the lion, if of those who have yet been too busy to help with this work it may be said that American boys are still battling the enemy and some of them are getting hurt and needing surgical dressings. If your son or husband or brother are not now on combat duty they may be before long, and one of them may be carried into a field hospital and lack for proper attention care because of a shortage of dressings.

Naturally you cannot rush down to the Red Cross rooms and whip up a flock of dressings after your child, that your own loved one has been injured. The thing to do is arrange to put in some regular hours at the task and help to see that an ample supply of dressings are kept on hand. Evidently, if a part of this is not your task, whose is it?—Aradisa Aradisa.

COMPTROLLER SUPPORTED

There still is so much of a disposition to favor the tax dodger in Florida, that there are a few of the people of the wealthy class, able to pay taxes, who are doing some dodging. County officials with tax administration duties to perform have been restricted in facilities and funds and information sources as not to be able to get at them.

When Comptroller Lee gets after them, he gets results, and up goes a mighty howl. Chambers of commerce chime in, and some few legislators unwittingly lend themselves to helping the dodgers. Even if Lee's efforts are costing some money, the same cost won't continue attaching and it's getting taxpaying started that will continue through subsequent years. It will help taxpayer of small means, who should be helped. Mr. Lee should receive the backing of the legislature.—Punta Gorda Herald.

A MOHER GIVES

In the edge of the Okearke is a small but productive farm of the better class with neat buildings and to thrifty appearance. In the front window of this little farm home hangs a four-star service flag. Overnight, two stars were changed to gold. A 50-year-old farm widow, sitting in a country church, with calloused hands wiped away the tears as she heard words dedicating her two sons to a Higher Care.

Farm help great service, but never a murmur from her. She milked eight cows night and morning, she mended fences, she hauled

ed huge loads of feed to the cow barn. The tires were bad on the farm's old car, but she didn't ask for more. She pushed an old buggy out of a shed, painted it, and now jogs four miles to town behind a slow-gaited farm mare. In this way she markets her case of eggs, pail of cream or a dozen hens.

She didn't complain about the sugar and the coffee shortages or the gasoline and tire rationing. She took it in her stride and drove herself, machine-like, to keep going, many, many hours a week. We should hesitate to say how many hours.

The whir of the cream separator, the cackle of a hen, a new born calf, a sick mare—these are the things that keep her mind busy and her heart calm. Each month a war bond is tucked away for safe keeping. She gave her sons and she gives her money. She only wishes she could give herself.

We can't lose the good these soldiers have done as long as there are women in America like this mother. We aren't fighting just to down a crazy nappy hanger and a bad mother. We are fighting for mothers and wives who are strong as "they" were brave. We are fighting for a place for all boys to come back to where life is good—where father is strong and where every man is a useful part of a free nation.—(Edna G.) Herald-Ledger.

SUPERFLUOUS WORDS

He had opened a fish market and he ordered a new sign painted of which he was very proud. It read, "Fresh Fish For Sale Here."

"What did you put the word 'fresh' in for?" said his first customer. "You wouldn't tell them if they weren't fresh, would you?"

He pointed out the word leaving, just "Fish For Sale Here."

"Why do you say 'here'?" asked his second customer. "You're not selling them anywhere else, are you?"

So he rubbed out the word "here."

"Why did you rub out the word 'here'?" asked the next customer. "You wouldn't have fish here unless they were for sale, would you?"

So he rubbed out everything but the word "Fish," remarking, "Well, nobody can find fault with that sign now, anyway."

A moment later another customer came in.

"I don't see what's the use of having that sign 'Fish' up there," said he, "when you can sell them a block away."

And that's why the fish market has no sign.—Catholic Telegraph.

LOAD OF TRASH

Private Matthew J. Major, army air force, relates this one in Your Life magazine: "A load of mine was assigned recently to drive a group of officers to visit another unit and, as they were to be gone all day, they took lunches which they ate at the truck."

Next day, when he had a similar assignment, an officer, noting that the inside of the truck wasn't too clean, asked, "What is this—a garbage truck?" My pal replied, "Yes, sir."

"What have you been hauling?" the officer wanted to know next. And, not thinking, my buddy told him, "Second lieutenant's sir."—Sanford Herald.

CANAL POINT METHODIST CHURCH

Special Mother's Day service will be conducted as follows: Sun.

day School at 9 a. m. N. Y.

Church Superintendent, M. Morning

worship 11 o'clock. Menon sub-

ject: "Motherhood: Home Mis-

tery." Epworth League 7:30 p.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

by Russell Kay

While those who are economy minded may consider this a poor time to be talking about appropriate increase that will run into the millions, the bill of Representative Jerry Collins of Sarasota, while calling for more money, deserves consideration as a sound investment rather than an expense.

He asks for this money to provide increased pay for school teachers and not schools but school TEACHERS. And there is a lot of difference. If such an appropriation is made and it is designated so that none of it goes for anything but the purpose intended, it would prove a sound state legislation and a long way toward meeting the situation in this state that is becoming downright serious.

Juvenile delinquency is a major problem in Florida today and promises to get much worse unless firm steps are taken to check it. Much as we may dislike to face the ugly facts, recent surveys show appalling conditions, not in the larger centers alone but in many of our smaller communities as well.

Parents in many instances neglect their children. Schools, inadequately manned, often with young and inexperienced teachers, find themselves hard pressed to help improve the situation.

"Teen-age boys and girls are found working in establishments where liquors are sold, in spite of laws intended to prevent such practice." Children have been found to be victims of venereal disease in both grade and high schools. A recent welfare survey discloses that 25 girls working in a high school lunch room were given Wasserman tests and four reports were positive.

Discipline in many schools is at a low ebb. Pupils fail in their work and drop out of school for lack of proper supervision and attention. Teaching staffs are shattered. Classes in some schools

have had as many as four or five different teachers since the term began and others report a teacher's replacement of as much as 50 or 70 percent. One school that began the term with 35 teachers has already lost 20 of them who have resigned to take better jobs in domestic work or offices where the pay is higher and the work less difficult.

School teachers, undrained before the war, are now in a sad state with increased living costs and heavier duties because of the war shortage. They do not have adequate consideration and unless they get it, and soon, we may find the teachers burdened with a lot of fine school buildings and equipment and nobody to man such facilities.

While increasing the pay of our school teachers would not entirely solve our child delinquency problem, it would certainly help, for next to the parents themselves the teachers have greater influence over our children than any one else. We have already lost too many experienced and valuable teachers and unless we show some appreciation of their work and effort, we stand to lose a lot more. No one can blame a teacher for giving up such work when she can find more pleasant employment at twice or three times the salary.

The problem of juvenile delinquency is complex. It is not going to be solved by one law or one plan. We must retain our capable teachers and succeed in attracting others of experience and ability with better remuneration. We will find we have taken a long step in the right direction, for teachers, given support and encouragement of parents and school officials, can work wonders in stamping out this dangerous and growing evil.

Representative Mabry Carlton of Duval has given much thought to the problem and has introduced a number of bills designed to combat this condition which threatens

the health, happiness and welfare of our future citizens.

If enacted into law, the Carlton bill should help materially, but will alone won't solve the problem. There is a need for much educational work among parents and it will take the combined effort of state, county and municipal officials, school authorities, parent-teacher groups, welfare organizations, civic clubs and the public as a whole if any real headway is to be made.

The problem of juvenile delinquency is just as acute in other states as it is in Florida—more so in some of the thickly populated areas where families have been uprooted and both parents are employed in defense work. State and federal governments are aware of the danger but the problem is so complex and the remedy involved in so many directions that it is hard to know where to start.

The efforts of Representatives Carlton and Gannon are praiseworthy and deserve serious and careful consideration. Perhaps an committee delve into the question additional helpful answers will present themselves.

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CINEMATIC CHATTER....

—By MALCOLM MILLER—

What The Movies Have To Offer During The Coming Week

The leading film stars, writers, producers and directors of Hollywood have banded together to bring their services gratis, and have brought forth a film that will go down as one of the most interesting of the British ever brought to the screen, and under American direction, this show, under the title of "Forever and a Day," which comes to the Prince Theatre for the Oct. show and the Sunday screening, is one of the finest stories dealing with the present war that has been brought to the screen to date.

Jack are many top-flight stars in the picture that I haven't the space to list them all in this column. However Brian Aherne, Charles Laughton, Ida Lupino and Merle Oberon are some of the stars who have powerful roles in this film, so capably written, directed and casted, it will keep the interest of any movie goer, and all of the proceeds derived from its showing throughout this and other countries goes directly to war charities.

I have been waiting a long time to tell you about the picture that will be screened at the Prince this Monday-Tuesday. I have watched reports on it from the time they started "shooting" it and have read numerous criticisms from leading critics throughout America, and now I have the opportunity to tell you what a great show this "Commandos Strike At Dawn" really is.

"Commandos Strike At Dawn" is the first great motion picture drama of the world's toughest fighting men, and is a mighty story of adventure, written in the blood of heroes and the tears of the women they left behind. Directed by John Farrow the film stars Paul Muni and features Anna Lee, Lillian Gish, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Robert Coote and hundreds of real life Commandos playing themselves.

The story is about the Norwegian guerrilla patriot who leads a British Commando raid upon a secret Nazi airport in his beloved homeland, from which England's vital lines of supply are being threatened. It has everything from casting and directing

to a story that will thrill you as you have seldom been thrilled in any other picture.

I think the Wednesday-Thursday screenings are a little on the weakish side for this week. Starting off with "Mug Town," which stars the Dead End Kids and the Little Tough Guys a story dealing with the hunting wild open of a racketeer gang threatening the city with a new racket.

With this show we will witness the Weaver Brothers and Elvira in another of their "comedy" routines under the title of "Mountain Rhythms." This is a story that deals with the war from the production angle and leaves ample room for some of the Weaver's brand of hill-billy singing with hill-billy comedy.

I believe you will like both the screenings scheduled for Friday. First there is "Seven Miles from Alcatraz," which stars James Craig and Bonita Granville and a good looking cast of featured players and tells the story of a depraved girl trapped between depraved sons and enemy rats in a lonely lighthouse. It really is a hair-raiser.

"Rubber Racketeers," which stars Roselle Hudson and Ricardo Cortez, is one of the most timely stories that has been brought to the screen this year. It deals with a gang who have taken to the streets and remove the good rubber, and to crude rubber of inferior quality and sell them back to the gullibles as new ones. It is a mighty, interesting story and the cast are exceptional in their separate roles.

Members of the Six Shooters Club will be happy Saturday when the Johnny Mack Brown gallops in in another of those spine-tingling under the title of "Old Chisholm Trail." Although Johnny is getting a little on the oldish side he is still able to rattle convincingly and look youthful enough to please all Western fans.

There it is folks. Of course you know there is a thirteen billion dollar bond drive on at War, and we'd be mighty happy to tender you the complimentary that goes with every \$25 bond you buy—See you at the movie—Mal.

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Yes, it is ten minutes to midnight. And when the first stroke of that fateful hour begins to sound, it will be *too late* to throw your weight into the fight.

The time to do that is **NOW**.

Now, when your dollars can keep the production lines humming. *Now*, when your dollars can buy the tanks and guns and planes and ships our soldiers need to fight a winning war... the only kind of a war we can afford to fight. *Now*, while there are still ten minutes before midnight.

Your country is asking you to lend your dollars in greater amount than ever before. It is asking for 13 billions of dollars *extra* this month... 13 billions for the weapons of war to make sure that it is *our side* which dictates the peace.

If we do not win, the money you fail to lend now will be worse than useless to you. If we win, as we *must*, the money you lend now will be returned with interest... for you to spend on the good things of life... for you to enjoy in a free and safe world.

So dig down, Americans. Answer the challenge by buying War Loan securities this month with every idle dollar you have except what you need for the barest necessities of life.

Don't wait for the War Loan Victory Loan. Meet the gun by going to your bank, investment broker, Post Office, or bond booth *now*.

Have your money in your fist... the fist that can deliver the knockout blow to the Axis. But hurry...

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